

GALLON HOUSE BRIDGE

Spanning Abiqua Creek at Gallon House Road (County Road 647)

Silverton

Marion County

Oregon

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Location: Spanning Abiqua Creek at Gallon House Road (County Road 647), Silverton vicinity, Marion County, Oregon  
UTM: 10.515861.4986560, Silverton, Oregon, Quad.

World Guide #: 37-24-01

Structural Type: Howe through truss covered bridge

Date of Construction: 1917

Builder: Marion County Engineering Department

Owner: Marion County, Oregon

Previous Use: Vehicular bridge

Present Use: Vehicular bridge

Significance: Gallon House Bridge was so-named because of its proximity to a local "gallon house" that reportedly sold bootleg spirits in the early decades of the twentieth century. Built in 1917 at a cost of \$1,310, Gallon House Bridge is the last surviving covered bridge in Marion County and the oldest extant covered bridge in the State of Oregon. It was rehabilitated in 1990 and continues to carry vehicular traffic.

Historian: Researched and written by Lola Bennett, February 2006

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